

UK Foundation Programme (FP) 2018

National Allocation Update

The primary list allocation for the 2018 foundation programme takes place on Thursday 8th March 2018. As part of the preparations, the UKFPO has run the national algorithm to allow for the relevant quality assurance checks to take place. The current position is that there are 6,964 programmes and 7,166 applicants remaining in the allocation process. This has created a reserve list of 202 applicants.

The UKFPO are now in a position to announce that over 97% of applicants have been successfully allocated to foundation schools, with 96% of applicants allocated to one of their top five preferences. Of the 6,984 applicants allocated to the primary list, 77% of applicants have been allocated to their first preference Unit of Application (UoA). These statistics are in line with the outcomes of previous years with 84% of primary list applicants being allocated to one of their top two preferences.

The primary list comprises 6,597 (94.73%) UK nominees and 367 (5.27%) applicants who applied through the UKFPO's Eligibility Office. Of the total number of UK medical school graduates included in the final allocation run, 98.85% were allocated to the primary list.

The reserve list is considerably higher than in the last two years; 25 in 2017 and 45 in 2016. Of the 202 applicants placed on the reserve list, 104 are UK, EEA, EU or settled workers, and 98 are subject to Resident Labour Market tests (RLMT) and require sponsorship to apply for a Tier 2 visa. Of the 104 fully eligible applicants, 77 (74.04%) were nominated by UK medical schools and 27 (76.86%) applied through the eligibility process. UK, EEA, EU and settled workers will be allocated in reserve list batch allocations first. Applicants who are subject to RLMT will be allocated in places become available with sufficient time to obtain a Tier 2 visa for the start of the programme in August 2018.

The UKFPO will be working closely with foundation schools and medical schools over the coming weeks to ensure pastoral support is in place for reserve list applicants.

Allocation results were released on Oriel at 00:02 on Thursday 8th March 2018. This was intended to disperse the amount of user activity on the system to ensure optimum performance and applicant experience.

It is expected that there will be applicant withdrawals shortly after the primary list allocation as experienced in previous years. The intention will be to allocate applicants who are placed on the reserve list at the earliest possible convenience. Primary list applicants will receive their match to programme results on Thursday 5th April 2018.

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